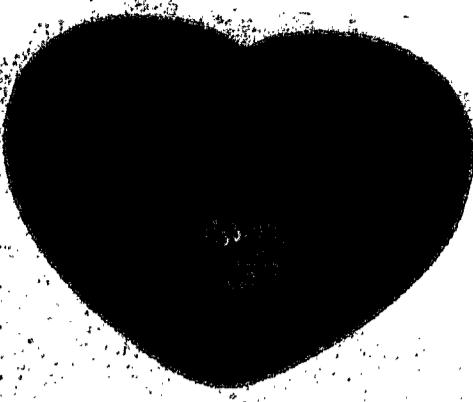


## Christmas in the Pass is Friday

Don't miss Pass Christian's annual Christmas gala & parade.

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## A Christmas Cat-astrophe

Woman with Bay St. Louis ties makes a splash with newly published children's book.

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### Yard sale/dinner for family of Dude Mosley

There will be a yard sale and dinner to cover the burial expenses of the late Peter "Dude" Mosley. The yard sale will be Friday, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. The dinner, Saturday, 11 a.m. until, with \$5 donation, at the home of Mary Parker, 705 Washington St. in BSL. Call 467-7642, 860-8367 or 342-1248.

### Pancake Breakfast at D'head Methodist

Diamondhead Methodist Church will host a pancake breakfast on Saturday, Dec. 6, from 7 a.m. to noon at the church. Call 255-6888 for more information.

### American Legion hosts Kids Christmas Crafts

There will be a Children's Christmas Craft Fair this Saturday, Dec. 6, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at American Legion Post 77 at Coleman Ave. Children must be ages 4-10. Call 466-9582.

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Above: Students from Bay-Waveland Head Start decorate a tree Tuesday at the Bay St. Louis branch of the Hancock County Library System in preparation for the annual Holiday gala on Sunday. Below: Two members of the Diamondettes Prima Donna's, the new Diamondhead Chapter of the Red Hat Society, with their tree.

### HANCOCK LIBRARY TREE GALA

BY BENNIE  
SHALLBETTER  
Staff Writer

Participants from local schools, businesses and organizations gathered at the Bay St. Louis Branch of the Hancock County Library Tuesday to set up their entries for the annual Holiday Tree Gala. A public reception and ceremony for the Gala will be held at the library on Sunday Dec. 7 from 1 to 4 p.m.



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## Boys and Girls Club to open in Hancock

BY NAN EHRBRIGHT  
Contributing Writer

The Boys and Girls Clubs of the Gulf Coast will add another branch when a Hancock County unit opens on Jan. 6 with an after-school program at Second Street Elementary School in Bay St. Louis.

The club, open to all students

in public and private schools in Hancock County, also will have a summer program when schools close.

Registration is set for Saturday, Dec. 13, 8 a.m. to noon, followed by a mandatory parent orientation at 1 p.m., at Second

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The home of Kevin and Sherry Webster at 502 N. Beach Blvd. in Bay St. Louis. The Websters will host a holiday home tour this Saturday to benefit the Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse. Complete details on Page 2A.

### Waveland board eyes \$3.5 M bond

Potential bond issue would be secured by taxes from Wal-Mart

BY BENNIE  
SHALLBETTER  
Staff Writer

If the City of Waveland is successful in their efforts, they may have a new way of funding city projects. The city is looking at the possibility of funding up to \$3.5 million in projects with a Tax Increment Financing (TIF) bond issue.

City planners Chris Gouras and Lucien Bourgeois introduced the idea at the regular alderman's meeting on Tuesday. The TIF would be secured by expected new sales tax and ad valorem tax revenues from the new Walmart Super Center.

To capture the revenue stream from the project, the TIF would have to be

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### CSX crash woes still haunt city

BY BENNIE  
SHALLBETTER  
Staff Writer

More than a year after an accident that sent rail cars sliding off tracks at the intersection of Central and Nicholson Avenues in Waveland, disputes still linger about the cleanup operation. Debris still lingers, road repairs remain undone and the city and CSX are still arguing about who should pay the remainder of the contract fees owed to Center State Railroad Service, the

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## Diamondhead POA president convicted on assault charge

### THE SEA COAST ECHO

The president of the Diamondhead Property Owners Association was convicted of a misdemeanor simple assault charge on Nov. 25.

Hancock County Justice Court Judge Tommy Carver Sr. ordered Thurmon Williams to pay \$355 in

fines and court costs for slapping a local contractor this past summer.

On June 26, John A. Schaffer filed an affidavit claiming Williams "grabbed my face, smacked me in the face, slammed me in a doorway and pushed me out of

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# Center for Prevention of Child Abuse opens in Bay

BY SHANNON JENKINS

Staff Writer

Officials at the Hancock County Families First Resource Center hope the facility's new location will be beneficial for both the center and the community.

The local branch of the Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse has moved to the Masonic Temple at 125 Main St. in Bay St. Louis.

"The location on Main Street is a little more visible in the community and is more convenient for people to access the resource library for families and professionals and the classes we will offer," said Laurie Johnson, program director.

The center has operated out of the Shieldsborough Square shopping center off Dunbar Avenue for the last six or seven years.

"It's wonderful," Johnson said about the new space. "We're surrounded by community oriented businesses, and we have a beautiful room for the library and the parenting classes."

Besides the need for the center to be more conspicuous, Johnson said more room was also a factor in the move.

She said additional space was needed to hire more staff. The center, she said, is currently in the process of hiring and will have four full-time employees once a full staff has been hired. The new location also offers more room for the services the center offers, which includes case management, transparent classes, supervised visitation, information and referral services and a parent support group.

The center will also offer a family resource library which "provides families

and professionals access to books, videotapes, equipment and brochures that offer education and information on a wide variety of family and child issues as well as local resources."

Johnson said the parenting classes will begin in January with the other classes following within the following months.

Another objective of the center is to involve the community.

In an effort to do this and make the center more visible, board member Camille Tate searched the local art community to find an artist who could transfer the center's logo to canvas.

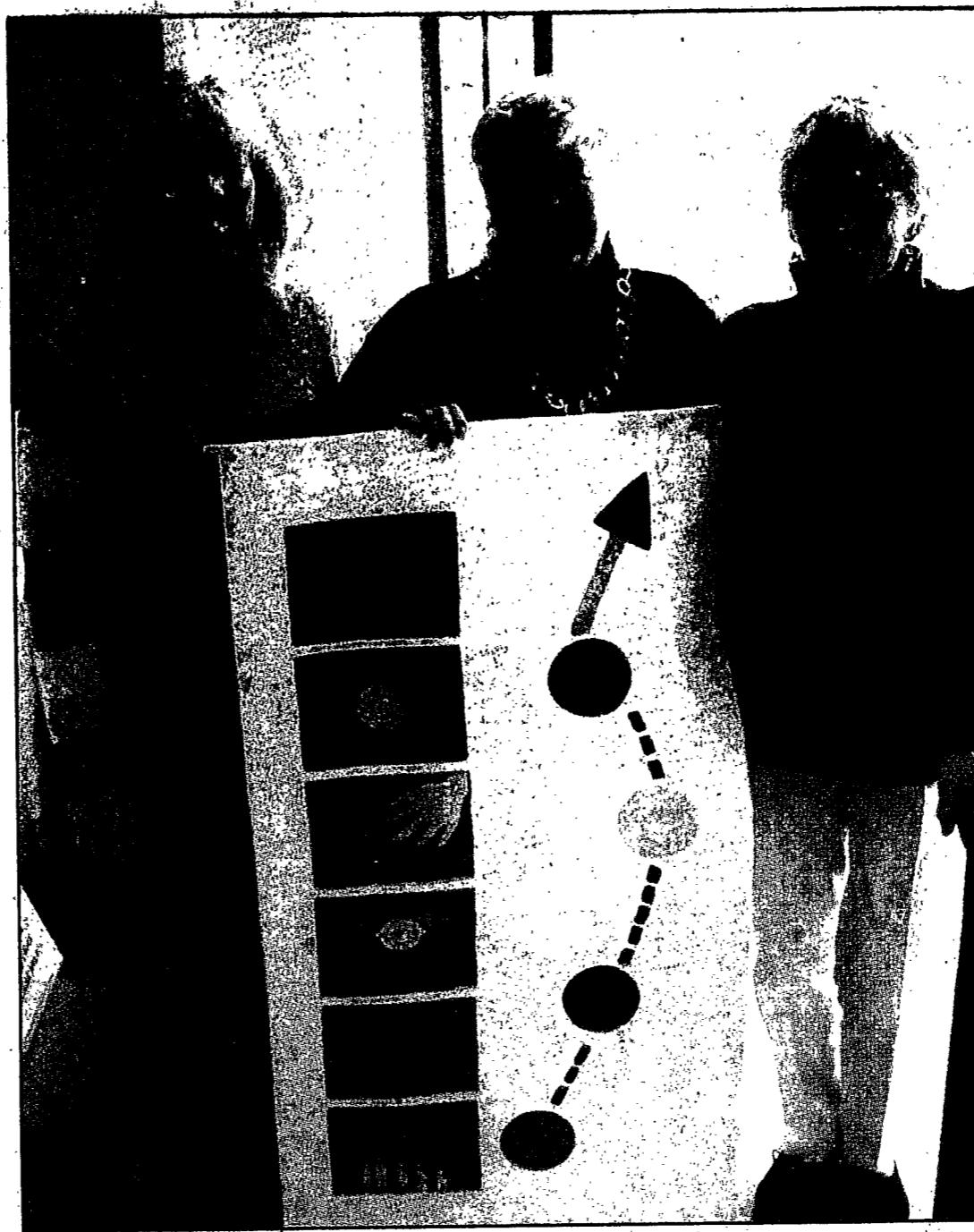
Donna Davenport at The Loft recommended painter Kathie Calhoun for the job.

Calhoun, who has been painting for the last 35 years, agreed to paint the banner, which will hang in the front door of the Masonic Temple building.

"I am exceedingly happy with the banner," Tate said. "It's beautiful. It's exactly what we wanted."

By picking a local artist, Tate said the center has involved the artist community and the people in downtown Bay St. Louis.

For more information about the Hancock County Families First Resource Center, call 228-463-0000 or visit the center at 125 Main St., Suite E, in Bay St. Louis.



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Having completed a renovation of the lower floor of their 1889 Victorian, the Websters of 502 North Beach Boulevard in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, will open their home for a tour to benefit the Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse. The Center is a gulf coast advocacy and resource organization in the interest and for the well-being of abused children. An admission fee of \$10 will be charged. The first floor will be open for a one time viewing in the first weekend of December.

Viking Range Corporation, producers of the finest professional kitchen appliances for the home; and Kitchen N Baths, the Gulf Coast Viking retail outlet, will be the primary sponsors along with Sherry Advertising & Public Relations/Maximilian Zillion Animation. Media sponsors will include CableOne, Mediacom, and WMJY. The event will be marketed along the Mississippi gulf coast, New Orleans, and other surrounding areas. Event dates will be Saturday, December 6th, 10 am til 5 pm, and Sunday, December 7th, 10 am til 5 pm.

A \$75 a plate patron party will be presented Friday, December 5th from 6 til 9 pm. The culinarily renowned Chappy's Seafood Restaurant will be serving a four course table d'hôte. Leading New Orleans florist, Dunn & Sonnier, will embellish the home in holiday splendor. The evening's melodic entertainment will be piano accompaniment provided by Memphis' Michael Donahue.

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## 'Corruption' to benefit kids



Band members in the 70's, bottom right to left: Vocals and keyboards, Felix Werner; vocals and guitar, Danny Pernicaro; roadie, Larry Werner; and bassist Ben Silvestri. Top right to left: Drummer Mike Horne, lead and steel guitar, Tommy Moran, and vocalist Cheryl McCullouch-Iwanchyzk.

## Local supergroup reunites

BY BENNIE  
SHALLBETTER  
Staff Writer

Local 1970's band Corruption will hold a benefit concert this Saturday, Dec. 13 from 8-12 p.m. at the Hancock County Civic Center. All proceeds will be donated to "Christmas for Kids" which helps children who may not otherwise receive Christmas gifts with donations of toys and gifts.

The band, who will present the concert with all the original members, played their first concert in 1970. They were well known around the area for their concerts at youth centers, weddings, and Mardi Gras and St. Patrick's Day concerts held on Coleman Avenue in Waveland.

The group also traveled extensively throughout the Gulf Coast and East Coast for about three years. Some of the members of the band went on to play with other bands.

The original band held its first reunion in more than 20 years in 1999, when they played another Christmas

benefit concert for the Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse.

"The turnout was so good that we decided to do it again," said drummer Mike Horne. "This is only the second time we have played together since the 70's."

The band got together while many of the group were in high school. "We had a party every Friday night and jammed, and the group came out of that," said Horne.

"We used to play every weekend and drive all night Sunday to get back in time to go to work on Monday," said Horne of the band's younger days.

"I have no regrets. You meet a lot of people, and music is a natural high."

The band will be playing some of its old standards such as Carly Simon, the Eagles, Charly Daniels and others. They are also learning some new songs, Horne said.

Tickets for the benefit are \$25 per couple which includes set-ups and door prizes. If you are interested, call Horne at 466-6458 evenings or 209-0227 days.

## Motocross Championships start Friday

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The Pro Money Invitational Motocross Championships will be held at the Hancock County Equine Center and Livestock Arena on December 5 and 6, with gates opening at 6 p.m. each day and races beginning at 7:30 p.m.

AMR has provided complimentary tickets to the event to all the members of the Hancock County High School Rodeo Association.

Pro riders from over five southern states have been invited to compete for cash and prizes. This event will also host a complete amateur program with riders ranging in age from four to forty. There will also be a pro and amateur four wheeler quad competition.

Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for children 12 years old and under. Advance tickets are \$8 for adults and \$6 for children. Advanced tickets can be bought at

Extreme Window Tint and Jacks Firestone.

The event will also host a car audio contest and a custom truck and bike show. Proceeds from the truck and bike show will be donated to Hope Haven or Toys for Tots. Entry will be \$10 or a new unwrapped gift valued at \$10 or above and events will be held on December 6 at Noon outside the arena.

For more information call Kenny Bilbo Productions at 228-255-8110.

## Commercial Red Snapper season closes December 7

The Executive Director of the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources has ordered the closing of the commercial red snapper (*Lutjanus campechanus*) season in Mississippi territorial waters at noon, Sunday, December 7, 2003.

The Executive Director's

order follows the determination by the National Marine Fisheries Service that the commercial quota of 4.65 million pounds for red snapper in the Gulf of Mexico will have been harvested. For more information, contact the Mississippi Department of Marine

Resources at (228) 374-5000. The Mississippi Department of Marine Resources is dedicated to enhancing, protecting and conserving marine interests of the State by managing all marine life, public trust wetlands, adjacent uplands and waterfront areas to provide for the optimal commercial, recreational, educational and economic uses of these resources consistent with environmental concerns and social changes.

**Parade this Saturday**

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Pearl River will hold its Annual Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 6 at 3 p.m. The parade starts at Oak Harbor on Hwy. 90 going west to Hwy. 604, turns at Hwy. 604 and ends at the red brick church. After the parade a community gathering featuring a bonfire, choirs, a visit from Santa Claus and free refreshments will be held at the West Hancock Fire and

Rescue Fire House on Washington St.

The parade features the Hancock High Marching Band, Santa Claus, floats and participation by Police and Fire Departments from both Hancock County and St. Tammany Parish, car clubs, motorcycle clubs, Shriners, civic groups, businesses, the military and more. For more information call the fire house at 228-533-7847.

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## NASA Stennis Space Center participates in Centennial of Flight at Kitty Hawk

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NASA Stennis Space Center (SSC), the nation's largest rocket test complex, will send a Space Shuttle Main Engine (SSME) to Kitty Hawk, N.C., for the Centennial of Flight celebration Dec. 12-17 at the Wright Brothers National Memorial.

"The SSME is the culmination of aeronautic propulsion," said Aerospace Technologist Bryan Maynard of NASA's Propulsion Systems and Technologies at SSC. "It's the extreme example of man's achievement in flight."

Orville and Wilbur Wright's first heavier-than-air powered flight in 1903 lasted 12 seconds at 10 mph, and traveled 120 feet. NASA's Shuttle flights have lasted up to 17 days at more than 17,000 mph, and have traveled over 5 million miles.

On Nov. 14, the 17,000-pound SSME left SSC on a flatbed trailer, bound for the Outer Banks of North Carolina, where the Wright Brothers made their historic first flight.

The SSME that awed and educated visitors at its permanent home at Stennisphere, the visitor center at SSC, will be seen by an audience of more than

100,000 guests at the centennial celebration.

Maynard said, "Sending the SSME to Kitty Hawk is an opportunity for people to learn what NASA does in South Mississippi."

SSC manages NASA's rocket propulsion test assets and activities in Mississippi, at Marshall Space Flight Center in Alabama, at Glenn Research Center in Ohio and at the White Sands Test Facility in New Mexico. The center's main mission since 1975 has been to test all Space Shuttle Main Engines that power the Space Shuttle during its 8 1/2-minute ascent to orbit.

SSC also tests and proves flight-worthy rocket propulsion systems for current and future space vehicles and provides test services for government and commercial customers.

Throughout the week, dignitaries from the aviation world and the U.S. military, as well as the general public, will take part in various activities marking 100 years of flight. The event culminates Dec. 17 with a reenactment of the Wrights' flight in a replica of their first plane, hosted by actor and pilot John Travolta.

Stennisphere currently features a Centennial of Flight exhibit, "From First

Flight to Space Flight," which includes a 1/6-scale model of the Wrights' first flyer, showcasing the astonishing achievements of human flight over the past century and highlighting the NASA-developed technologies that have helped make life better on Earth.

Stennisphere's fall/winter hours are Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The center is closed Sundays and all major holidays. Tours begin at the Launch Pad, Exit 2, I-10, near Bay St. Louis. Admission to Stennisphere is free.

For more information, call (228) 688-2370 or 1-800-237-1821 or visit [www.nasa.gov/public/visitors](http://www.nasa.gov/public/visitors).

## Pass Christian Art Association show

The Pass Christian Art Association will have its annual art show in the Pass Christian Library Community Room. It will run from December 2 through the end of the month. The public is invited to view the exhibit during regular library hours. For information call Marilyn Hingle at (228) 463-9303.

My Sincere THANKS to all of you for making it possible that I may continue to serve as your Justice Court Judge for the next four years.

To show my appreciation,  
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## HOLIDAY EVENTS at the Hancock County Library System



### Pearl River Public Library CELEBRATE THE SEASON

Friday, December 5 - 1-2:30 P.M.



Trees decorated by Charles B. Murphy Students □ Visit from Santa

□ Holiday Caroling and Storytelling □ Gingerbread House Decorating

### HOLIDAY TREE GALA

Sunday, December 7, 1-4 P.M.

Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library

Beautiful Trees □ Musical Entertainment

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Fourth Annual Kiln Public Library's

### KILN PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMUNITY TREE LIGHTING

Tuesday, December 9, 6 P.M.

Kiln Public Library

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### Waveland Public Library FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

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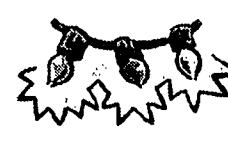
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### CHILDREN'S STORY HOURS

Tuesday, December 16 - 10:30 A.M. - Waveland Public Library

Wednesday, December 17 - 10:30 A.M. - Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library

Thursday, December 18 - 10:30 A.M. - Kiln Public Library



# Opinion

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## Cuevas' Quotes

by Ellis C. Cuevas  
Publisher Emeritus

## Many events mark this holiday season

**I**t is time for chamber members to make reservations for the Annual Membership Meeting and Installation of Officers scheduled Friday, December 12, 7:30 a.m. at Casino Magic's Bay Tower Hotel's Cypress Cove Ballroom.

Reservations are \$15 each which includes a breakfast buffet. Deadline to make reservations is Wednesday, December 10.

Members should have received information on the event and need to respond to the chamber.

We hope to see you at the chamber's annual meeting.

Now that we are in the Christmas Season many events of importance are beginning to take place.

Our Library System has several events which should be of interest to many.

On Friday, Dec. 5, 1 to 2:30 p.m. at the Pearlington Public Library, "Celebrate the Season" will be held.

Charles B. Murphy students will display trees they have decorated, a visit from Santa, Holiday Caroling and Storytelling is among the events.

On Sunday afternoon, from 1 to 4 p.m., an event with no other like it in Hancock County, will take place at the Bay St. Louis Hancock County Library, and that is the Holiday Tree Gala.

Some of the most beautifully decorated Christmas trees will be on display at the main library.

There will be special entertainment and of course, Santa will be there to take the 'wishes' from youngsters.

The Kiln Community Tree Lighting will be a high light for Tuesday, December 9, at the Kiln Library at 6 p.m.

Choirs will be on hand and Santa will arrive on a big Kiln Fire Truck too.

Waveland's Public Library will be the place to be on Saturday, December 13, at 5 p.m. for the City of Waveland's Festival of Lights.

Coleman Avenue Merchants will offer some specials and offer a few refreshments too.

On Saturday, December 6, at 4 p.m., Pearlington will highlight its Annual Christmas Parade.

Following the parade, there will be caroling and refreshments at the West Hancock Fire Department in Pearlington. The parade begins in Oak Harbor at Highway 90 and travels west to Highway 604 and continues to the red brick church.

For information, call 533-9128.

On Friday, do not forget the annual Christmas in the Pass celebration which begins at 5:30 p.m. at War Memorial Park.

Elementary choirs will perform following the arrival of Santa. There will be the lighting of the Christmas Tree, a parade in downtown Pass, in addition to a lighted boat parade scheduled to start at 7 p.m.

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## Gulf Coast natives left impact on Miss.

**A** week ago, two Gulf Coast natives of extraordinary talents, Bill Simpson and Boyce Holleman, died after long careers that in their special way left a deep impact on Mississippi history of the last half-century.

Bill Simpson was,

you might say, Mr. Inside. His role was always invisible to public view. But words and ideas he crafted for powerful state leaders in the 1960s and 70s shaped much of the state's policy of that time.

Boyce Holleman, you would have to say, was Mr. Outside. His colorful career ranged all the way from being a Mississippi-version of Clarence Darrow in the



Eyes on Mississippi

By Bill Minor

courtroom to, mind you, acting in a Eudora Welty novel on the movie screen.

Holleman, who died of cancer at age 79, almost saw his life ended in World War II as a 20-year-old Navy fighter pilot whose plane was shot down in flames near the Japanese-held island of Saipan.

Severely burned, he was rescued from the sea by a Navy destroyer, and survived only after later undergoing 36 skin-grafts and multiple blood transfusions.

He still bore some signs of the skin-grafts when he arrived in Jackson in 1948 as a frisky newly-elected representative from tiny Stone County in the

Mississippi House. His 1948 House "class" is still considered the most progressive to ever hit the Capital city.

More in a moment about the remarkable Mississippi journey of Jesse Boyce Holleman over the next four decades.

Simpson, the onetime Gulf Coast shrimp-picker turned political guru, died at age 80 in Washington where the former Harrison countian first landed 35 years ago to become right-hand man and confidant of Mississippi's senior U.S. senator, Jim Eastland.

In later years, Simpson had built a new career, becoming aide to Hamilton Jordan, President Jimmy Carter's chief of staff, and afterwards going on his own as a valued Washington consultant and lobbyist for the state of Mississippi.

But to this longtime

observer of the Mississippi scene, Simpson's years in Jackson during the mid-1960s as special aide to Gov. Paul B. Johnson, Jr. provided his most vital contribution to state history.

Of the myriad number of figures I've seen come across the public stage, none was a better word craftsman or better understood the dynamics of political cause and effect than Bill Simpson, always behind the scenes.

Following on the heels of Ross Barnett's four years of tempestuous, virtually rebellious, relations with the federal government, Mississippians had little hope that when Paul Johnson became governor in January, 1964 there would be any change.

Sensing that the assassi-

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## Thank God for our military

Three weeks ago, my wife and I visited Pearl Harbor.

After a documentary video about the events of that Sunday morning, Dec. 7, 1941, we sailed out to the memorial of the USS Arizona. There we stood and read many of the names of the 1,177 individuals who died that day while serving our nation on the USS Arizona. Many of them were preparing for church services that morning. None of them expected it to be his last day alive. Most of the bodies of these 1,177 still lie in their sunken grave in Pearl Harbor. That day 2,390 military and civilians died during that surprise attack. Half of them died on the Arizona.

That day a "sleeping giant awoke," and the "enemy" was soon to be faced with something they had not counted on - the power of American patriotism.

While on the Arizona memorial, I thought also of the more than 3,000 civil-

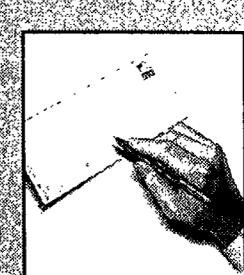
ians that lost their lives in another surprise attack on Sept. 11, 2001. On that day, terrorist foolishly thought that they could cause our nation to crumble by destroying the Financial Towers and the innocent people within them. What our new enemy did not understand was that it was not these symbols of our economy that made the U.S. great. Contrary to the political idiom, "It's the economy, stupid," the fact is it isn't the economy that makes America great. The goodness and strength of America is the power of Faith, Freedom, and Patriotism.

Today, I, like most of you, am saddened any time I hear about any of our valiant military personnel falling to terrorist attacks. But, I realize that if our military were not fighting the terrorist around Bagdad, we would be fighting them here in our homeland and hundreds or thousands of unsuspecting civilians would be dying as the result

## Letters to the Editor

### Our letters policy

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of these cowardly acts at the hands of terrorism's demons of evil.

Sadam Insane [Hussein] claimed to have no connection with the Al Qaida. Yet, shortly before Bagdad, Saddam, or one of his look-alikes, went on Bagdad television calling for all the world's terrorist to come to Iraq and fight the "evil" Americans. I couldn't help but think, "What better place for the terrorist to be than head-on with the strongest military power in the world?" It is much better for all of us to have the terrorist in Iraq fighting

trained military than on the streets of Europe and America attacking common everyday working people.

We all hate to lose any of our military personnel. But, each life sacrificed by one of our military probably saves dozens of lives here at home and gives the people of Iraq the opportunity to believe in a future of freedom rather than tyranny.

Today, along with remembering Pearl Harbor, I plan to spend some time thanking God for our military and praying for their protection.

Steve Casey  
Stonewall, La.

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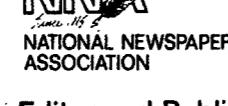
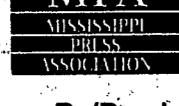
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# Waveland Civic Association annual Christmas parade

**THE SEA COAST ECHO**

The Waveland Civic Association's 7th annual Christmas parade will be Saturday, Dec. 13, according to Jay Fountain, association president. The parade will line up at 4 p.m. on Central Avenue near the ball field and will roll at 5 p.m.

The parade route is Central Avenue to Lafitte

Drive, Lafitte to beach Blvd., Beach to Coleman Avenue, Coleman to Central where it will disband.

Leading the Waveland Civic Association's 2003 Christmas parade will be Grand Marshal Jerry West and Colleen Heather Burge. Other Royalties include the Waveland Civic Association's Little Miss

and Little Mister Leprechaun, Katelyn Johnston and Richard Dahl, and the 2003 Maids Court, The Association's member floats and other Krewe for a total of 15 floats.

The Waveland Civic Association members have been working hard to get the floats ready with beautiful lights and festive decorations, Fountain said.

"We would like for everyone to come out and share the holiday spirit. The parade and celebration are fun-filled events designed to bring the community together," Fountain added.

Anyone wishing to participate in the Christmas Parade can contact Jay Fountain at 467-2198 or

David Garcia at 467-2042 for an application.

## Law Enforcement/Firefighters Appreciation Banquet is today

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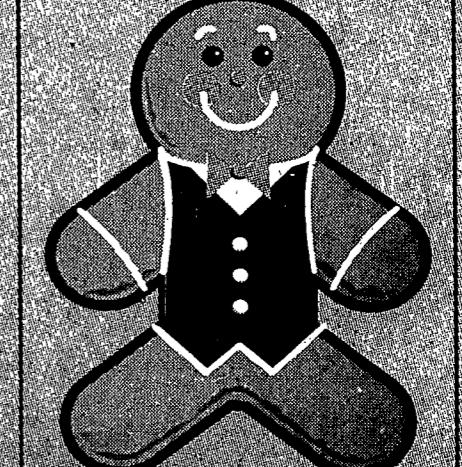
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"I'm very excited," said Kim Stasny, Bay-Waveland school superintendent. "It seems like a wonderful opportunity for our kids."

Planning for the youth development program - a United Way of South Mississippi initiative in cooperation with the Bay St. Louis-Waveland School District, the Hancock County Human Resources Agency and the Boys and Girls Club of the Gulf Coast - began in August.

The board for the Gulf Coast organization officially

approved the Hancock County unit on Tuesday.

Said Lora Mederos, director of the human resources agency: "Our agency has recognized this as a desperate need the community has had for many years. We're anxious to see it get started and grow and flourish."

The mission of the national organization, which is over 140 years old, is to help youngsters realize their full potential as productive, responsible and caring citizens.

The Gulf Coast group, formed in 1966, currently has clubs in East Biloxi, West Biloxi, North Gulfport and Pass Christian.

In 2002, the Gulf Coast clubs served over 2,500 registered members and thousands of additional outreach youth in five core areas: education and career development, character and leadership development, health and life skills, arts and sports, and fitness and recreation.

The new Hancock County

unit will be funded by an early childhood grant from the Mississippi Department of Human Services Office for Children and Youth plus seed money from the Boys and Girls Club of America, United Way of South Mississippi, the state Attorney General's office and community funding.

Chuck Benvenutti, one of the Hancock County organizers, said \$20,000 to \$30,000 will have to be raised locally to support the program during its first year.

Initially, the Hancock County unit will serve 100 youngsters ages 5 through 18 for the after school program (2:30-6 p.m. weekdays) and 200 to 220 youngsters during the summer (7 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays). The after-school program will include a snack; the summer program will include breakfast and lunch.

Participants in the Hancock County program will be chosen by random drawing.

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Youngsters who are not chosen on Dec. 13 may be put on a waiting list for future opportunities.

Staffing for the club will include a paid full-time unit director, a part-time membership services aide, a part-time program director and five program instructors. All staff members will undergo complete FBI background checks, a check of the child abuse registry and drug tests.

Additional staff will be hired for the summer program. "It will be a well-supervised program," Stasny said.

Organizers are optimistic that the Second Street program is the beginning of something much bigger. They hope that the program will expand to other schools in Bay St. Louis, Waveland and Hancock County.

"We know there will be a lot of people interested," said Sue Reed, executive director of the Gulf Coast organization. "It's going to be great."

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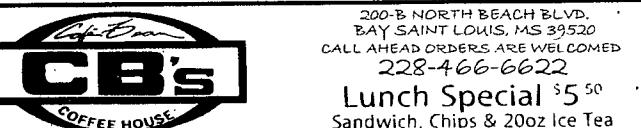
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**CSX -- crash still costing**

company brought in to clean up the mess.

On Tuesday representatives from CSX Ron Elliot and Tom Lyles told aldermen that the city was obligated to pay 30 percent of the cleanup fees owed to Center State because that was the agreement that the contractor made with the city via talks with Mayor Tommy Longo and then Public works director Ray Eaton. Lyles said Eaton asked the contractor to do extra work.

But Longo said the city never made any such agreement and never called in the contractor, that CSX called in the contractor to restore the damage caused solely by the train derailment. There was no other damage to the area other than that caused by the derailment, Longo said.

Lyles said that CSX was responsible for cleanup on

CSX property but that damage was caused to city property also and that is where the 30 percent obligation came in. But after Alderman Keith Mitchell questioned him on this reasoning, Lyles recanted his statement.

Confusion could have come because of damage to drainage lines and landscaping on city property, Longo said, which had to be repaired. But the damage to drainage lines and landscaping, which were on city property, was caused by the derailment, Longo said, and repairs should be the obligation of CSX.

Lyles agreed that there could be confusion about payment obligations. He said that CSX would of course restore any areas damaged by the derailment. Both parties agreed to continue talks later this week to hopefully settle issues without the need for litigation.

In other business:

The Department of Marine Resources gave their approval to go forward with a feasibility study for possible uses for beach areas in the city. The study will be paid for by Tidelands

Funds. A marina, which was proposed several years back, will be one of the possible uses looked at by the study. The marina idea was met with strong opposition during the last administration. Alderman at that time permanently tabled the idea for the remainder of their terms of office. The marina was proposed to be located at the foot of Coleman and Terrace Avenues.

The city is submitting applications for grant funding for a \$1.3 million project for the refurbishment of Coleman Ave. The project, if funded would resurface the street, add sidewalks, and refurbish infrastructure.

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**Bond -- \$3.5M**

approved before the year's end when the business would become a part of the county tax roles, said Gouras.

Because of the end of the year deadline the approval process for the bond will have to be put into high gear, said Bourgeois. A public hearing on the issue will have to be held the week of Christmas and has been set for December 23 at 6:30 at the Waveland Municipal Court Facility at 628 Hwy. 90, one of the only possible days after the three required weeks of advertisement for the hearing.

In the mean time the city will also have to fine tune their redevelopment plan, which must be approved by the city planning and zoning board and put on display at the court house for public inspection. The plan will loosely outline proposals for how the bond money would be spent.

The good news for tax payers in the city, Bourgeois explained, is that the city's obligation for repayment is

limited to a percentage of the new tax revenues generated by the Super Walmart. The city pledges a percentage to bond repayment and the remainder of the tax revenues from the business still go into city coffers.

Should a disaster, such as a hurricane destroy the Super Center or if it were to go out of business, the city would have no legal obligation to repay the bond under the terms of the agreement, Bourgeois said. But because the city will be using bond dollars to finance projects all over the city and not just at the development site, that would imply a moral obligation for payback, he said, and the obligation would effect the city's credit rating.

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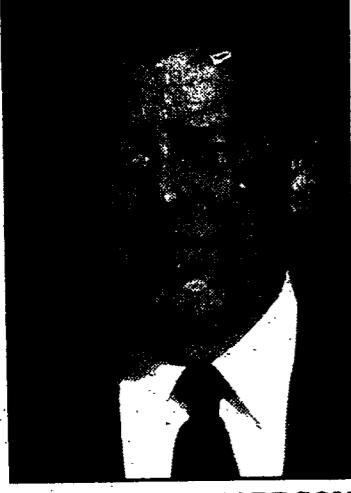
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Williams, who took office in June 2002, later turned himself in at the Hancock County Jail and was shortly thereafter released.

The Sea Coast Echo could not reach any Diamondhead POA representatives as of press time on Wednesday.

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## Obituaries

**HOLDER CROCKER**
**MARY HALE**
**THOMAS HAMMONS**
**WILEY HEBERT, SR.**
**HORACE KENNEDY**
**RUTH**
**KNICKERBOCKER**
**EULA LEWIS**
**STEVE MATHERNE**
**ELBERT MCCALEB**
**PAMELA MCINTIRE**
**BARBARA MCNEASE**
**BARRY RICHARDSON**
**SHIRLEY RYAN**
**ANTONIA WILLIS**

**BARRY RICHARDSON**

Barry Edward Richardson, 56, of Waveland, Miss., died Sunday, November 30, 2003, in Pensacola, Fla.

He was of the Catholic faith. He retired as Manager of Southern Regional Waste Water Co. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge #393, Pearlington, Miss. and the Sons of the American Legion Post #77, in Waveland, Miss.

He was preceded in death by his father, Edward Richardson Sr.

He is survived by his wife, Jo Richardson of Waveland, Miss.; son, Chris Richardson of Waveland, Miss.; mother, Iris Lang Richardson of Bay St. Louis, Miss.; two brothers, Greg Richardson of Bay St. Louis, Miss. and Eddie Richardson of Diamondhead, Miss.

A visitation will be held on Thursday, December 4, 2003, from 6 until 10 p.m., at the Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis, Miss. The prayer service will be held on Friday, December 5, 2003 at 10 a.m., at the Funeral Home. A graveside service including a Masonic Graveside Rights will be held at Waveland Cemetery, Waveland, Miss.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis, Miss. is in charge of the services.

**HOLDER CROCKER**

Holder C. Crocker, 78, of Pass Christian, died Monday, Dec. 1, 2003, in Bay St. Louis.

Mr. Crocker was a native of Columbus and a longtime resident of the MS Gulf Coast. He was a former truck driver for Gulf Coast Pre-stress.

Mr. Crocker is preceded in death by his wife, Minnie Pearl Lizana, and a son-in-law, Dallas Parvin. He is survived by his daughters, Margaret Peggy Parvin of Pass Christian; Linda Rich of Bay St. Louis; five grandchildren, Tiffany Kierce, Danielle Smith, Julia Marshall, Derris Watts and Dallas Parvin; and seven great-grandchildren.

Visitation was held Wednesday, Dec. 3, at Riemann Funeral Home, 135 West Second Street, Pass Christian. Funeral services will be at 2:30 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 4, at the funeral home chapel. Burial will follow at Rotten Bayou Cemetery.

**MARY HALE**

Mrs. Mary Rose Dawson Hale, 76, of Biloxi, died Monday, December 1, 2003 in Biloxi. Mrs. Hale was a native of Billings, Montana and had lived on the Coast for the last 40 years. She was a member of St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Gulfport. She attended the University of Miami in Coral Gables, Florida, the Florida State College for Women, and Bixby Business School in St. Petersburg.

**Florida.**

She held clerical, personnel, and administrative positions with the U.S. Navy (Superintendent of Ship Building, Charleston Naval Shipyard), Keesler Air Force Base and the Social Security Administration. Mrs. Hale was employed with the Biloxi School Administration and later worked with the Gulf Coast Mental Health Center, where she retired in 1984 as Executive Secretary. She was also a member of the Harrison County Mental Health Center. Mrs. Hale was active in community affairs. She was a member of the Handsboro Chapter #374 Order of the Eastern Star and also served as a Sunshine volunteer at the Gulf Coast Medical Center. She served as Past Advisor of the Ocean Springs Chapter #27 Order of the Rainbow for Girls and was also honored with the award of the Grand Cross of Color for this organization. She was a charter member of the Gulf Coast Little Theater. She received the 1961-62 "Bravo" Award for Best Actress in the Biloxi Little Theater production of "Dear Charles." She was also a member of the Center Stage and served as an officer in the Biloxi Business and Professional Women's Club. Mrs. Hale was a member of the Harrison County Republican Women's Club, the Biloxi Friends of the Library, and the Biloxi Chapter #209 of the National Association of Retired Federal Employees. She was commissioned as a Harrison County Deputy Sheriff. She was a friend of "Bill W's" for over 31 years.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Charles E. "Chuck" Dawson. Survivors include her husband of 3 years, Lawrence G. "Larry" Hale of Biloxi, one daughter, Kathleen Dawson Budd and her husband Louis Budd of New Jersey; one son, Charles Eric Dawson, III of Biloxi.

A memorial service will be at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, December 4, 2003 at Howard Avenue Chapel of Bradford-O'Keefe Funeral Home, where friends may visit from 1-2 p.m. Burial will be at sea.

The family prefers memorials be made to Alzheimer's Foundation of the South MS Division, 4803 Harrison Circle, Gulfport, MS 39507.

**THOMAS HAMMONS**

Thomas Leslie Hammons, age 88, and a resident of Senatobia, MS, died Monday, December 1, 2003, in Senatobia.

Mr. Hammons was a native of Gulfport, where he spent most of his life, and was retired as a carpenter and house mover.

Mr. Hammons is survived by three daughters, Myrtis L. Knight, and Bessie M. McMullen, both of Gulfport; and Deborah H. Smith, of Coldwater, MS; two sons, William Thomas "Tommy" Hammons, of Morris, Illinois; and Leslie M. Hammons, of Gulfport; a brother, Henry Hammons, of Long Beach, MS; 19 grandchildren; 41 great-grandchildren; and 15 great-great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 4, 2003, at Riemann Memorial Funeral Home, US 49 North in Gulfport. The funeral will be at 11:30 a.m. Friday, Dec. 5, in the funeral home chapel, followed by burial in Allen Cemetery in Long Beach.

**WILEY HEBERT, SR.**

Wiley Mitchell Hebert, Sr., 73, of Ocean Springs, died Monday, December 1, 2003 in Ocean Springs.

Mr. Hebert was born in Biloxi and had been a resident of Ocean Springs. He was a graduate of Biloxi High School, Class of 1951. He retired from Ingalls Shipbuilding in 1987 as an electrician. Mr. Hebert was a Catholic.

He was preceded in death

by his wife of 25 years, Linda Graham Hebert, daughter, Rebecca Ann Saucier, and granddaughter, Brooke Ann Saucier.

Survivors include his daughter, Amanda & husband Ronald Freche of Vancleave, 2 sons, Rev. Buck & wife Vickie Hebert of Latimer, Charlie & wife Janet Hebert of Vancleave, 2 brothers Adam Hebert of N. Biloxi and Donald Hebert of Pensacola, FL, 6 grandchildren, Marty & wife Shannon Saucier of Ocean Springs, Addie & husband Kevin Kinney of Latimer, Audrey and Coyt Hebert of Latimer, Ronnie and Jeremy Freche of Vancleave, 2 great-grandchildren, Drew Saucier of Ocean Springs, and Neely Rose Kinney of Latimer.

Visitation will be 6-9 p.m., Thursday, December 4, 2003 at Howard Avenue Chapel of Bradford-O'Keefe Funeral Home.

Services will be 10:00 a.m., Friday, December 5, 2003 at Howard Avenue Chapel. Burial will be at Lamey Cemetery.

**HORACE KENNEDY**

Horace Edward Kennedy, 57, of Pasadena, TX died Wednesday, November 26, 2003 in Houston, TX.

He was a native of Picayune, MS and longtime resident of Bay St. Louis before moving to Texas. He was of the Baptist Faith. He was self employed welder working for BRH Garber Construction.

He was preceded in death by his parents, William Richard & Gladys Hines Kennedy.

Horace is survived by a son, Horace Kennedy, Jr. of Kiln, MS; daughter, Lisa Ladner of Kiln, MS; brother, Clarence Kennedy of Leetown, MS; 3 sisters, Laura Butters, Faye West, and Henrietta Sievers all of Bay St. Louis, MS, and also survived by 2 grandchildren, Horace Kennedy, III and Gabrielle Ladner of Kiln, MS. Ex-wife Elaine Garner of Kiln, MS.

A Prayer Service was held on Tuesday, December 2, 2003 at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home, interment followed in Turtle Skin Cemetery, Picayune, MS.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

**RUTH**
**KNICKERBOCKER**

Mrs. Ruth Elaine Knickerbocker, 59, of Gautier, Miss., died Sunday, November 30, 2003, in Ocean Springs Hospital. She was of the Methodist faith.

Mrs. Knickerbocker is survived in death by her husband, Dick Knickerbocker of Gautier, Miss.; daughter, Pamela Campbell of Slidell, LA; two sons, Bobby Campbell of Monroe, LA, and Raymond (Donna) Campbell of Norfolk, Va.; two sisters, Joanne (Joe) Brannom and Bonnie McFarland of Norfolk, Va.; one brother, Skip (Iris) McFarland of Norfolk, Va.; two grandchildren, Ashley Campbell and Zachary Campbell and three great-grandchildren.

There will be a celebration of life at the home of the deceased, which is located at 1909 Hemlock Drive, Gautier, Miss., at 4 p.m., Friday, December 5, 2003.

O'Bryant-O'Keefe Funeral Home, in Gautier, Miss., is in charge of the arrangements.

**EULA LEWIS**

Mrs. Eula Lewis, 86 of Wiggins died Dec. 1, 2003. She was a member of the New Zion Missionary Baptist Church in Wiggins.

She was preceded in death by parents, husband, Mr. Wardell Lewis and one son, Mr. Claude McCarroll Jr.; two brothers; Lee M. Marshal Jr. and Herman Marshal.

She leaves to cherish her memories, one daughter, Mrs. Mildred Monroe of Wiggins; four sons, Otis McCarroll, Willie Lee

McCarroll and Robert McCarroll all of Wiggins; Jesse McCarroll of Chicago; one sister, Mrs. Velma Hall of Wiggins. She leaves a host of grandchildren and a host of great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be 1 p.m., Thurs., Dec. 4, 2003. Friends may call one hour prior to service at the New Zion Baptist Church in Wiggins.

Interment will be at the New Zion M.B. Church Cemetery, Wiggins.

Funeral arrangements are entrusted to: Dickey Brothers & Hartwell Christian Mortuary of Biloxi.

Services will be 10:00 a.m., Friday, December 5, 2003 at Howard Avenue Chapel. Burial will be at Lamey Cemetery.

**ELBERT MCCALEB**

Elbert T. "Tommy" McCaleb, age 68 and a resident of Long Beach, died Monday, December 1, 2003, in Houston, Texas.

Mr. McCaleb, a native of Picayune, MS, had been a resident of Long Beach since 1964.

He was a retired heavy equipment operator and a member of IUOE, local #624. Mr. McCaleb served in the U.S. Marine Corps, and was a member of Gulf Gardens Baptist Church in Gulfport. He also was a Mason, a member of Scottish Rite Bodies, Hamsa Shrine Temple in Meridian, MS, and was a member of the Miss. Gulf Coast Billiards Association.

Mr. McCaleb was preceded in death by his parents, John L. and Eva Jo Brown McCaleb; a son, Bradley T. McCaleb; and a brother, Lee Drennan.

Survivors include his wife, Cathy McCaleb; two sons, Jeff McCaleb, and Kelly McCaleb, all of Long Beach; two brothers, James McCaleb, of Long Beach, and Michael McCaleb, of Gulfport; two sisters, Dot Thomas, of Saucier; and Pat Paulson, of San Diego, CA; and four grandchildren, Tyler, Mitch, Braden, and Alison.

The funeral will be at 2:30 p.m. Thursday, December 4, at Riemann Funeral Home, 25th Avenue in Gulfport in the funeral home chapel, with entombment in Gulf Pines Memorial Gardens and Mausoleum in Long Beach.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

**STEVE MATHERNE**

Steve Joseph Matherne Sr., 51, of Bay St. Louis, died Dec. 3, 2003, in Bay St. Louis.

Mr. Matherne was a native of New Orleans. He was of the Catholic Faith.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Antoinette Matherne; two sisters, Patricia Nata and Linda Williams; his wife Sally; son Steve Joseph Matherne Jr. of Bay St. Louis; five daughters, including Angel Nugent of Kiln, and Stephanie Poyadou, Crystal Matherne, April Matherne and Samantha Matherne, all of Bay St. Louis; father Harrington Matherne of Avondale, LA; five brothers, including Harrington Wilson Matherne of Westwego, Timmy Matherne of Marrero, Gene Matherne of Atlanta, Wayne Matherne of Laffite, and Blaine Matherne of Westwego; three sisters, including Edith Matherne of Slidell, Melody Bourgeois of Bay St. Louis and Jeanie Matherne of Marrero.

Visitation will be held on Friday, Dec. 5, from 6-10 p.m. at the Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

**RUTH**
**KNICKERBOCKER**

Mrs. Ruth Elaine Knickerbocker, 59, of Gautier, Miss., died Sunday, November 30, 2003, in Ocean Springs Hospital. She was of the Methodist faith.

Mr. Knickerbocker is survived in death by her husband,

Dick Knickerbocker of Gautier, Miss.; daughter, Pamela Campbell of Slidell, LA; two sons, Bobby Campbell of Monroe, LA, and Raymond (Donna) Campbell of Norfolk, Va.; two sisters, Joanne (Joe) Brannom and Bonnie McFarland of Norfolk, Va.; one brother, Skip (Iris) McFarland of Norfolk, Va.; two grandchildren, Ashley Campbell and Zachary Campbell and three great-grandchildren.

There will be a celebration of life at the home of the deceased, which is located at 1909 Hemlock Drive, Gautier, Miss., at 4 p.m., Friday, December 5, 2003.

O'Bryant-O'Keefe Funeral Home, in Gautier, Miss., is in charge of the arrangements.

**EULA LEWIS**

Mrs. Eula Lewis, 86 of Wiggins died Dec. 1, 2003. She was a member of the New Zion Missionary Baptist Church in Wiggins.

She was preceded in death by parents, husband, Mr. Wardell Lewis and one son, Mr. Claude McCarroll Jr.; two brothers; Lee M. Marshal Jr. and Herman Marshal.

She leaves to cherish her memories, one daughter, Mrs. Mildred Monroe of Wiggins; four sons, Otis McCarroll, Willie Lee

native of New Orleans, LA, and was a homemaker.

Mrs. McIntire was preceded in death by her father, Edward Julian Tyre; and a sister, Mary Anne Zimmen.

Survivors include her husband, Martin "Marty" Lovanne McIntire, of Pass Christian; her mother, Flora Catherine Spokes Tyre; sons: Martin L. McIntire, Jr., of Pass Christian; Edward James McIntire; daughters, Shannon McIntire, of Pass Christian; Melanie Hughes, of Montana; Pamela Anne Anderson, of Bay St. Louis; a stepdaughter, Sheila Goode, of Arkansas; brothers, Sonny Tyre, and Carlton S. Tyre; sisters, Charlene Sibley, Lori McKinney, and Carol Anne Cramer, all of Louisiana; six grandchildren; and four step-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be conducted at 4:00 p.m. Friday, December 5, 2003, at Riemann Funeral Home, US Hwy 90, Bay St. Louis, where friends may visit one hour prior to the service.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

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# Donaldson to retire, stop down as Navy commander

**THE SEA COAST ECHO**

On Friday, Dec. 5, Rear Adm. Thomas Q. Donaldson, V, will turn over leadership of the Naval Meteorology and Oceanography Command and retire after 28 years of naval service.

The ceremony will begin at 10:00 a.m. at Bldg. 9322, Stennis Space Center. Vice Admiral Albert H. Konetzni, Jr., Deputy and Chief of Staff, U.S. Fleet Forces Command, U.S. Atlantic Fleet will be the guest speaker.

Donaldson, a resident of Diamondhead, assumed command in October 2000. His career accomplishments include streamlining and realigning the Navy's meteorology and oceanography structure under the Commander, Fleet Forces Command.

Donaldson, who also holds the title Hydrographer of the Navy, reinvigorated the Nation's military hydrography program to include the use of unmanned underwater vehicles and airborne laser systems. He has also led Navy efforts in transforming training and education of enlisted personnel. In January, Donaldson will assume his new duties as Director of the John C. Stennis Space Center in



Rear Adm. Thomas Q. Donaldson, V.

Hancock County.

The Naval Meteorology and Oceanography Command is a worldwide organization comprised of approximately 3,000 men and women in about 60 locations. It provides forecasts

of weather and ocean conditions, necessary for safe and successful operations, to all Navy ships, submarines and aircraft. It is Mississippi's only operational Navy command headed by an admiral.

## Obituaries

### BARBARA MCNEASE

Barbara J. McNease, 72, a resident of Pass Christian, died on Sunday, November 30, 2003 in Pass Christian.

Mrs. McNease was a lifelong resident of the MS Gulf Coast, was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Gulfport and loved to do needlework.

Survivors include her son, Carl Jeppesen; her mother, Hazel White Franz; her stepfather, Leo Franz; her brothers, Carl Jeppesen and Arthur Jeppesen and her son-in-law, Gene Stewart.

She is survived by her only daughter, Lenora Stewart of Pass Christian; three grandchildren, Regina Waldrop of Gulfport, Thomas Waldrop of Washington State and Stephanie Stewart of Pass Christian and three great grandchildren, Heather Waldrop, Megan Meeks and Jonathan Waldrop.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, December 04, 2003 at 12:30pm at the Pass Christian Chapel of Riemann Funeral Home where friends may call one hour prior to service time. Burial will follow at Gulf Pines Memorial Gardens & Mausoleum in Long Beach.

### SHIRLEY RYAN

Shirley Lillian

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life. She was a graduate of Biloxi High School and worked at Keesler Air Force Base Exchange before becoming a homemaker. She had been a member of the Slavonian Ladies Auxiliary and was a Catholic.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Jerry Willis; sisters Dolores West, Marie Sullivan and Selena Castle; brother, Mato Anthony Soljan Jr.; and parents, Mato Anthony Soljan and Margarete Marie Rosetti Soljan.

Survivors include her two daughters, Cathy Willis of Bay St. Louis and Kim Willis of Annandale, Va.; two brothers, Raymond Soljan Sr. of Pascagoula and Michael Soljan of Biloxi; son-in-law, Bruun Whitehead of Annandale; her granddaughter and namesake, Antonia "Nina" Soljan Whitehead of Annandale; and three generations of nieces and nephews.

The funeral will leave Bradford-O'Keefe Thursday at 10:45 a.m. Graveside services and burial will follow at 11 at Biloxi (V.A.) National Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association, Memorial and Honor Program, P.O. Box 2680, North Canton, OH 44720.

### ANTONIA WILLIS

Antonia "Toni" Soljan Willis, 74, died Sunday, Nov. 30, 2003, in Gulfport, MS.

Mrs. Willis was born and raised on Point Cadet and lived in Biloxi most of her

enhancing disaster planning, response and recovery across the country," said Michael D. Brown, Under Secretary of Homeland Security for Emergency Preparedness and Response. "Graduates of these training programs make a major contribution back at home, in communities such as Bay St. Louis."

Mr. Lagasse completed the Managing Floodplain Development through the National Flood Insurance Program course in Emmitsburg, Maryland, on Nov. 21. This course is designed to provide an organized training opportunity for local officials responsible for administering their local floodplain management ordinance. The course focuses on the

National Flood Insurance Program and concepts of floodplain management, maps and studies, ordinance administration, and the relationship between floodplain management and flood insurance.

On March 1, FEMA became part of the U.S. Dept. of Homeland Security. FEMA's continuing mission within the new department is to lead the effort to prepare the nation for all hazards and effectively manage federal response and recovery efforts following any national incident. FEMA also initiates proactive mitigation activities, trains first responders, and manages Citizen Corps, the National Flood Insurance Program and the U.S. Fire Administration.

# Bay's Mickey Lagasse receives Homeland Security training

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has just completed training for Mickey Lagasse of the Hancock County Board of Supervisors in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, at its National Emergency Training Center. Homeland Security trains thousands of Americans at this facility each year to enhance the ability of communities to manage significant emergencies and disasters.

Homeland Security trains thousands of firefighters, emergency service personnel, government officials and private citizens every year. This training helps better secure the homeland - saving lives, protecting property and

# Civil Air Patrol receives 'Excellent' rating during recent AF Evaluation

BY 1LT MARIE HABERSTROH

Members of the Civil Air Patrol from across the state of Mississippi gathered for a Search and Rescue, Disaster Relief and Counter narcotics Evaluation by a U. S. Air Force Inspection Team at Hawkins Field in Jackson.

This daylong event covered air, ground and mission support in a variety of simulated missions. Locating several downed aircraft and aerial photo reconnaissance of a simulated hurricane were also practiced. Some of the mission personnel included communications, chaplains, administration, public affairs, flight line management, finance, and security. Volunteers were made up of adults and cadets.

Col John Wilkes, the Mississippi Wing Commander said, "the Mississippi Wing is ready and willing to handle any mission that the Air Force, federal government or the State of Mississippi has for

us." Lt Col Frank Billard, the Evaluation Team Chief and Director of Operations for the Air Force Southeast Liaison Region to the Civil Air Patrol, noted a very strong performance overall with no weak areas. He said, "the performance we saw today typifies the performance level that we have come to expect from the Mississippi Wing."

Eighty-six wing members participated in the exercise. Seven aircraft from across the state were utilized.

Civil Air Patrol, the official Air Force Auxiliary, is a nonprofit organization with more than 64,000 members nationwide. It performs 95% of the continental U. S. inland search and rescue missions as tasked by the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center. Volunteers also perform homeland security, disaster relief and counter drug missions at the request of federal, state and local agencies.

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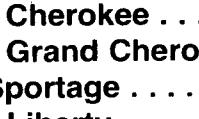
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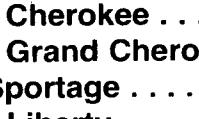
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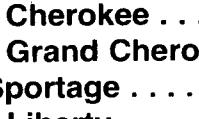
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# Supers eye billboard moratorium

BY BENNIE  
SHALLBETTER  
Staff Writer

Building official Mickey Lagasse asked Supervisors to consider a moratorium on bill boards along Hwy. 90 and Hwy. 607 in the Stennis Buffer Zone, based on a written request from officials at Stennis Space Center.

The letter requested that the county discourage the use of privately owned land in the Buffer Zone for billboard placement, stating that the Stennis officials would like to see the land remain open and the zoning unchanged. Lagasse said that zoning would have to be changed from agricultural to commercial for billboard placement.

Currently structures in the Buffer Zone are limited to three sided structures that would not inhibit sur-

veillance by air. No one is allowed to reside in the area. Property owners who chose to retain their rights of ownership when the Space Center seized county property in the early 1960's still pay property taxes on that land, but gave a long term lease of their property to the government.

The issue brings up many heartfelt questions for locals, who gave up one third of county lands to the Space Center. County Clerk Tim Kellar and District 2 Supervisor Steve Seymour said they felt strongly that the land owners should be allowed the opportunity to gain from renting their land for billboard placement, especially after paying taxes on virtually unusable land for the past 40 years.

The issue puts county officials in a difficult position, not wanting to impose

yet more restrictions on people who have virtually lost all their property rights, yet not wanting the entrance to the county be covered with billboards. And since restrictions and regulations would need to be county wide, the question becomes tougher to answer.

"I definitely don't want Hancock County to turn into Harrison County," said District 3 Supervisor Lisa Coward, speaking of the many billboards along the highways in Harrison County.

But the fact remains that renting to a billboard company is good economics for people who own land in the Buffer Zone. Rental can bring about \$800 a month income for one billboard, said Lagasse.

Funnily enough, Space Center affiliates are the sole advertisers on the only bill-

board present now along Hwy. 607. Supervisors authorized Lagasse to check into guidelines for billboard use, that could be adapted to suit Hancock County.

Coward was the only supervisor to vote against extending a special use permit for Casino World on property located on the waterfront in Diamondhead. The casino project has been on hold for years said Lagasse.

Lagasse asked that county planning and zoning commissioners be given a raise from \$40 per board meeting to \$60 per board meeting because of the length of the meetings. Supervisors tabled the discussion until the December 17 meeting when they will look at figures indicating the cost of raising the salaries of all county appointed board members.

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Mrs. Joan Wilkinson, a representative of the American Legion Post No. 77 of Waveland is shown delivering a \$250 donation to Mrs. Marcie Turnbough, C.D. Program Director, of the Hancock County Child Development Center. The Child Development Center, established in 1977 is a public not for profit child care center that provides services for low income working families. The Child Development center is one of the three programs sponsored by Hancock County Human Resources Agency. It is also a United Way program as well. The center provides services for children ages one to five in a safe and nurturing learning environment. It is the belief of the program that learning begins at birth with the first five years being the most crucial in a child's development. The Child Development program provides services that develop the child socially, emotionally, intellectually, and physically.

## Coast-Wide Reunion for St. Rose De Lima School

Anyone who attended St. Rose De Lima Catholic School at any point in your life, please send your name and address for further information concerning the school reunion.

A planning meeting will convene on December 14th at 3:00 p.m. at the St. Rose Parish Center. Please join us to make this a successful effort. For more information, please call the parish office at 228-467-7347, or call Marilyn Smith at 228-463-9862 or 228-343-0642.

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## Gala

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Library officials say that there are a record number of entries this year, with a waiting list of participants. Decorated trees come in the three or six foot variety with both traditional and theme oriented designs. More than 70 entries will be on display.

Entertainment for the gala will be by the Voices of Deliverance Choir from the Power House of Deliverance Church in Bay St. Louis and the Holmes chapel United

Methodist Church of Pearlington. Santa Claus will also pay a visit to the celebration. Refreshments will be served.

Judges will be Nancy Artigues, Carter church, Suzi Lee, Bobbie Tate, and Tish Williams. Trees will be judged in 14 different categories such as Best in Show, Most Creative, and Designer. For more information on the Gala call 467-5282.

## Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church hosts its monthly Peace Rosary Friday

Our Lady of the Gulf Church invites everyone to attend the December 5 Peace Rosary at 7 p.m.

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# 'Claws of Celebration'



## creative JUICE

As a new art series for The Sea Coast Echo, Creative Juice will feature one piece of work by a local artist and reveal the creative process behind that work. This week, ceramic artist Susan Lumpkin discusses the inspiration behind her pattern, "Claws of Celebration." This series runs every other Thursday. Artists interested in having one of their works featured should contact Shannon Jenkins at 228-467-5474 or rsjecho@yahoo.com.

- Ceramic Artist
- San Diego, Calif., native
- Resident of Diamondhead
- Artist since 1998
- Work can be found at [ceramicssusanstyle.com](http://ceramicssusanstyle.com), Aloha Gallery, Diamondhead; Kid Company, Bay St. Louis; Martin Mazzia, Gulfport; Orient Expressed, New Orleans; Pocket Full of Posies, Greenwood; Rabbits and Pieces, St. Simons Isle, Ga.; Salmagundi Gifts, Ocean Springs

**Echo:** Where did the inspiration for this work come from?

**Lumpkin:** As a Navy wife, I spent five years in Europe, surrounded by the beautiful ceramics of the Algarve Coast of Portugal, the Andalusian Province of Spain and Northern Italy. Since I loved to paint, I met some of the artists and became intrigued with the techniques, colors, and patterns.

I have taken particular inspiration from the crabs and shrimp of the Gulf Coast and West Coast in my popular pattern, "Claws for Celebration."

**Echo:** What do you like most about this work and why?

**Lumpkin:** I enjoy the interaction with the variety of people I meet in my business. I'm especially thrilled when someone shows excitement over my artwork — it gets my "creative juices" flowing!

**Echo:** What is unique about this artwork?

**Lumpkin:** Each piece is hand drawn, painted and fired by me, making no two pieces exactly alike! I also only use non-toxic materials, so these ceramics are made to be used, not just collected, so please bake with them!

**Echo:** Why did you create these pieces?

**Lumpkin:** While living in Spain, I met an artist in Cadiz and she inspired me to start this as a hobby. As



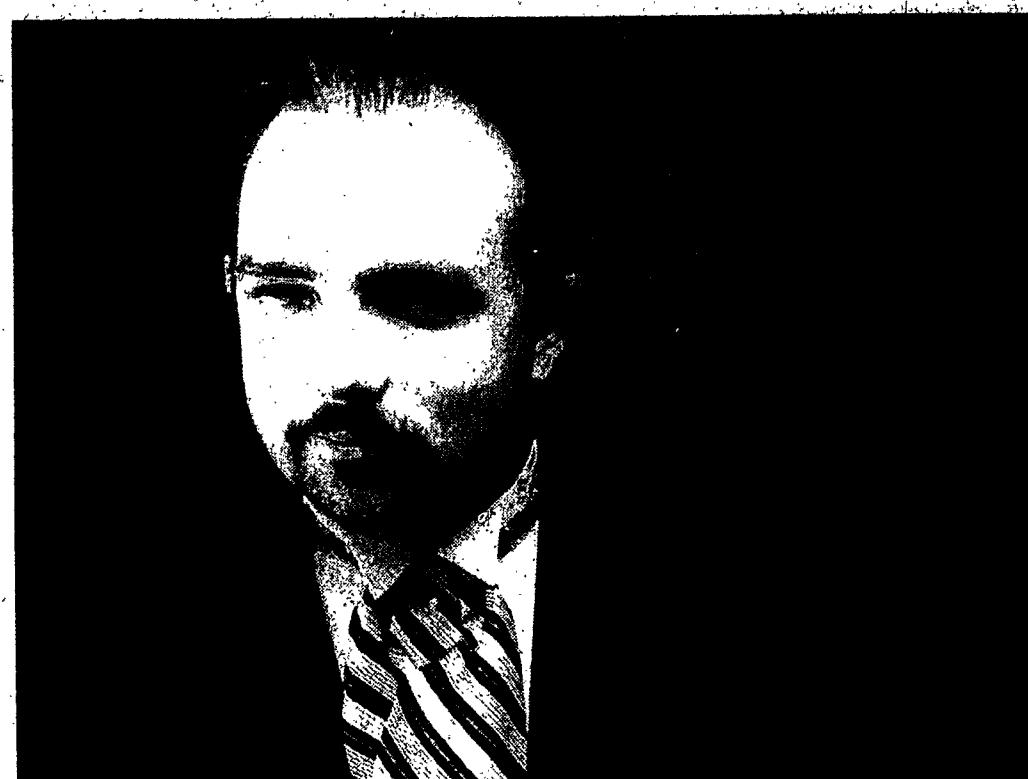
Susan Lumpkin

most women do, I too love to entertain and set a beautiful table. Because of the versatility with color and design, my pieces went with so many other dishes I had purchased on my travels in Europe. My friends complimented the work and wanted to buy some of them, which led to the beginning of my business.

**Echo:** What is your vision for your business?

**Lumpkin:** I want to see my business continue to grow as I expand into new designs and gain more interest in my work.

## BSLLT to present classic tale 'A Christmas Carol'



G. Arthur Bailey will star in a special one-man version of "A Christmas Carol," which he also adapted for Bay St. Louis Little Theatre.

*Christmas favorite scheduled Dec. 20-21 at John F. Holmes Playhouse*

A special one-man presentation of "A Christmas Carol" by Charles Dickens will serve as holiday entertainment at Bay St. Louis Little Theatre.

"A Christmas Carol" is a holiday favorite, illustrating the transformation of a miserly man into a generous and helpful soul.

G. Arthur Bailey Jr., who will act and direct, has adapted the established tale and will bring the many characters to life.

The Bay St. Louis Little Theatre will present this beloved drama at the John F. Holmes

playhouse at 301 Boardman Avenue on Dec. 20 at 8 p.m. with a special matinee performance on Dec. 21 at 2 p.m.

Members of the Coast Chorale will also be featured. Producer for this special show is Sandy Shaver.

Admission is \$12 for adults, \$10 for seniors and \$7 for students 17 and below. The Bay St. Louis Little Theatre has a general seating policy.

Tickets will be available at the door on the night of the show, and doors open at 7:30 p.m.

For more information, visit [www.bsllt.org](http://www.bsllt.org) or call the theater at 228-467-2587.

## 'Piano' postponed

The Bay St. Louis Little Theatre has postponed its production of "The Piano Lesson," originally scheduled for Dec. 5-6 and 12-14.

New dates for this show will be Jan. 9-11 and 16-18. The board of directors of the Bay St. Louis Little Theatre apologize for any inconvenience. The board wishes to thank all of its loyal supporters, and hopes that all will attend a special Christmas presentation of "A Christmas Carol."

For more information, call the Bay St. Louis Little Theatre at (228) 467-2587.

## Christmas in Pass scheduled Dec. 5

**C**hristmas in the Pass is Pass Christian's Traditional Open House Celebration with Lighted Boat Parade.

Christmas in the Pass will be held on Friday, Dec. 5, beginning at 5:30 p.m. at War Memorial Park.

The Pass Christian elementary choirs will begin the celebration for children, followed by the anticipated arrival of Santa Claus, who will pass out candy canes to the children.

After the lighting of the Christmas Tree, Santa and Mrs. Claus will then begin the exciting Christmas Parade throughout the town with the Pass Christian High School Band.

A Music Tent at the corner of Market and Second Streets will feature area School and Church Choirs singing Carols throughout the evening.

Local musicians will perform at various locations around the town as well. The public is invited to join groups and sing along with the Christmas Carolers.

This is a joyous and festive occasion, with the Merchants (most of whom are members of the Chamber of Commerce)

decorating their shops for this annual event with the anticipation of receiving awards for their decorations.

The Grand Prize drawing will be held at 8 p.m. Santa's Secret Shop at 209 East Second Street in the Benchmark Office Building. Children up to 12 years old can purchase gifts. "Shhh", their shopping is in secret.

Local school and civic groups are participating in Christmas in the Pass with booths as fund-raisers, offering delicious foods and drinks to purchase at various locations throughout the downtown.

Our local restaurants will be open serving their full menus as usual.

Browse the beautifully decorated merchants shops offering pottery, porcelain china, fine jewelry, art and art supplies, handmade children's clothing, gifts, garden art, Christmas decor, needlepoint and quilt-making, designer clothing, antiques and many other possibilities for gifts.

The Lighted Boat Parade is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. at the Pass Christian Harbor, so be sure to arrive in time to see this fabulous show.

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Back in Time

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## 1953 - Kiln basketball players undefeated

**TEN YEARS AGO**

December 2, 2003 - Bay St. Louis city officials accepted maintenance responsibility Thursday for part of Blue Meadow Road, clearing the way for improvements to the main entrance to Casino Magic. Solutions to other casino related traffic woes remained elusive, however. Mayor Eddie Favre said the planned upgrade of Blue Meadow Road includes providing a three-lane segment off Highway 90, to accommodate left and right turn lanes, Favre said.

-Julie Sciana of Bay St. Louis was elected as a freshman class favorite at Pearl River Community College during campus elections.

**TWENTY YEARS AGO**

December 1, 1983 - A Mississippi representative on the Tri-States Rapid Rail Commission said late Wednesday reports from Washington earlier in the day on finalization of World's Fair Train plans are premature. Delmar Wilcox of Waveland, commission member appointed by Governor William Winter, said a final announcement on the proposed fair train between Mobile and New Orleans is not due until Dec. 8. Reports from Washington Wednesday indicated Amtrak announced Bay St. Louis as one of four stops for the train in Mississippi.

A state agency plans to recommend the Waveland Regional Wastewater Management District consider another discharge point for Waveland and Bay St. Louis sewage treatment plant line. The district is presently proposing extending the two outfalls, the Bay line from Edwards Bayou and the Waveland line from Watt's Bayou, to Jordan River near the Bay of St. Louis. However, about 100 angry home owners in that area jammed into the Waveland Library conference room at a Monday night public hearing and about half of them voiced their opposition to the Jordan outfall location for Waveland.

**FORTY YEARS AGO**

October 31, 1983 - First step toward industrial development of Hancock County through utilization of its waterways was authorized by the board of Supervisors Monday when a contract was executed with Michael Baker, Jr. Inc., of Jackson for engineering services. The study as recommended by the recently created coun-

## 'Catastrophe Cat' a new Christmas classic



**T**here's the Grinch, Tiny Tim, and Frosty the Snowman, and now there's a crazy fat yellow cat who causes more than a stir this Christmas season.

"My Crazy Christmas Catastrophe Cat" has been dubbed a new "Christmas classic" by Creators Syndicate cartoonist Leigh Rubin who produces the single-panel cartoon Rubes®. The book, written by Hattiesburg American humor columnist Kristen Long Twedt and illustrated by Ellisville artist Dwelia Townsend Haas hit regional bookstores and Amazon.com Nov. 8, 2003. It retails for \$9.95.

"This crazy cat makes a wild mess at Christmas, and his owner nearly loses her cool," says Twedt. "But, in the nick of time, the cat saves his hide by doing something nice in the spirit of the holiday. He's a good cat who just happens to do



bad things."

Rhyming verse and humorous illustrations appeal to ages preschool through ten years. "I wrote the story for my son's fifth grade class for Christmas last year," says Twedt. "They laughed, and that's all it took. I knew then that

I wanted to make this a real book." Dedicated to Twedt's niece, Caroline, book sales are raising funds for arts and reading programs at

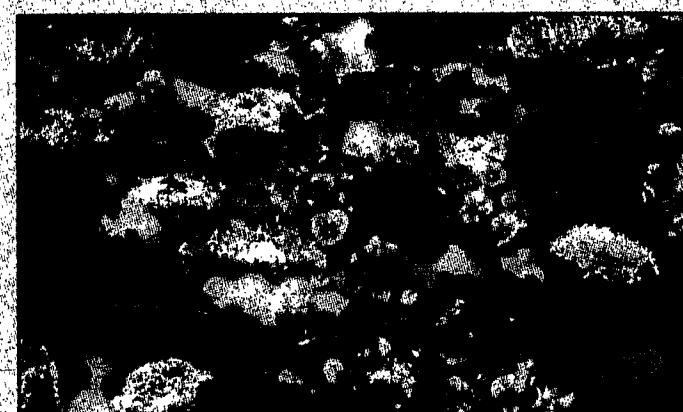
area schools, as well as the NIDS Coalition, a research support group in Tarzana, CA whose mission is to find a cure for Neuro Immune Dysfunction Syndrome. NIDS is an immune system mediated condition which affects more than 500,000 children in the United States diagnosed with autism and many of the more than 2.5 million with attention deficit disorder (ADD), attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) or chronic fatigue syndrome (CFS).

"My niece Caroline, who is three, was diagnosed as having NIDS. We are hoping that she reads our books to us one day," says Twedt.

The author sent the story on a whim to her cousin, Dwelia Haas who is an art instructor for Jones County schools, but the artist took the project to heart. "I did those illustrations for the fun of it," says Haas. "I'll

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## Plant flowering kale, cabbage in cool season



(Top) Flowering kale and cabbage excel in beds of brightly colored pansies, violas, nasturtiums and snapdragons. (Above) Kale and cabbage also are exceptional in large containers with three in a triangular design. Plant tulips or daffodils in the center of the triangle and then place pansies around the edges.

**T**he current weather pattern appears to have been designed with the flowering kale and cabbage in mind.

Considered among the best of all the wonderful cool-season plants, flowering kale and cabbage produce foliage in brilliant, colorful shades of lavender, green, purple, pink and white. They last from October or November through April, bringing the winter garden alive.

These plants are native to the Mediterranean and are indeed related to broccoli, cauliflower, collards and another terrific ornamental stock. The plants are a lot tougher than you may have thought — once acclimated by cool weather, kale and cabbage can withstand temperatures in the mid-teens. The Chicago Botanic Garden has actually seen them survive minus-10 degrees.

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with minor nutrients per 100 square feet.

Set out nursery-grown transplants 12 to 18 inches apart and add a layer of mulch. In northern regions, they also can be planted in early spring.

Be sure to add a good layer of mulch after planting to help stabilize soil temperatures and conserve moisture. Flowering kale and cabbage are very cold hardy and usually come through the winter unscathed. If record-low temperatures are forecasted, these plants can be completely covered with pine straw until the weather warms.

Kale and cabbage need good drainage yet must be kept moist and fed to continue growing vigorously. Pay close attention to dry, cold fronts, which have a tendency to deplete significantly the available moisture. Feed with light applications of the pre-plant fertilizer every four to six weeks. The colors will intensify

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The Sea Coast Echo

# Sports

## OLA rolls in soccer; cagers poised

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II

Staff Writer

The Crescents are still undefeated in high school girls soccer while SSC has an unblemished record at 2-0-1. The Bay High Tiger hardwood teams sweep Picayune in their season series and SSC improves to 6-2 on the season. Soccer is now in full swing for all area teams and OLA remains undefeated.

On the hardwood, area teams are getting ready for the start of the division games in about a week.

The Crescents recorded a 5-0 shutout victory over the Lady Red Rebels of Harrison Central on November 25. Rachel Cranford continued her scoring dominance with two goals in the game. Ellen Dauterive tallied two assists. Jane Covington, Meghan Flynt, and Laura Ellis all tallied one goal each while Ellis and Flynt added an assist to their stat sheet. Annie Giardino preserved the shutout in goal for OLA.

The win moves the Crescents to 7-0 on the season. OLA is the four-time defending state champion in girls soccer. Oddly enough, the Crescents were the first

girls high school soccer team in the state of Mississippi starting in 1990.

In junior high soccer action, the OLA junior high team won their first game of the year and moved to 1-0 on the season with a 7-0 win over Biloxi on the road December 1.

Jennifer Loiacano, Jamie Reisch, and Shelby Wild all scored twice for OLA. Lizzy Milner added a goal in the win. Bri Johnson, Wild, Olivia Hoff, Loiacano, and Madeline Michelli all tallied an assist. Amelia Simpson recorded the shutout in goal.

SSC recorded a 6-0 shutout win over the Red Rebels of Harrison Central on the same night. Andrew Parker-Smith scored twice for the Rocks while Jake Johnson dished out 2 assists. Austin Boudreaux, Beau Brodtman and Josh Lingsch all scored for the Rockst in the game.

The Lady Tigers of Bay High were defeated 9-0 by the Lady Admirals of Gulfport also on November 25th.

In high school hardwood action, the St. Stanislaus Rock-a-chaws improved to

6-2 overall with a third place finish in the Covington Thanksgiving Tournament.

SSC split a pair of games on November 24 in the tournament. The Rocks stumbled against Mandeville losing 57-56 as Darius Acker was the only double-digit scorer for SSC with 23 points. In the second game against Holy Cross of New Orleans, SSC left the court with a 61-52 win. Acker scored 15 points and dished out 7 assists to lead SSC. Rob Murray scored 13 points, Tony Silva added 13 points and Ramsey Shawa chipped in 11 points.

The Rocks defeated their sister school, Catholic High of Baton Rouge, 51-41 in the consolation game of the tournament. Acker led SSC with 19 points followed by Shawa with 16 points.

SSC is still without junior forward Mario Faranda who is expected to be out at least two more weeks with a dislocated knee cap.

Faranda sustained the injury at the start of the second period in the Rocks 10-point loss to the undefeated Gulfport Admirals on November 21.

The Rocks are also miss-

ing reserve guard Cameron hardin who has been out nursing a knee injury. However, SSC received some good news when Rob Smith returned to the team after being released to play following an illness at the start of the season. Also, on Tuesday, November 25th, the Pass Christian Lady Pirates came up short against the Lady Maroon Tide of Picayune 66-47. The loss dropped the Lady Pirates to 4-4. Pass Christian was led by Tomeka Fields with 15 points followed by Kellie Martin's 14 points.

The Bay High Tigers swept the Picayune Maroon Tide on November 28. The Lady Tigers disposed of Picayune 66-47 and improved to 6-3 after a slow start of 1-3. Kendra Reed scored 21 points followed by Felicia Thomas with 18 points and Crystal Skrutch with 11 points.

In the boys game, Bay High slipped past the Maroon Tide for the second time this season 46-40. Lorenzo Lewis led the way with 18 points followed by Marquez Singleton with 11 points. The Tigers improved to 5-2 on the season.

## Homecoming Queen



Ashley Flynt, daughter of Catherine & Joe Flynt of Diamondhead was recently selected as the 2003 Homecoming Queen for St. John High School. St. John Homecoming 2003 Senior Class Maids included: Olivia Kaliger, Ashley Flynt, Ashley Brumfield, and Joyce Galloway.

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# Sports

## Manning, Davis & Eyster eye the Conerly Trophy

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II

Staff Writer

Football is beginning to wind down both on the high school and collegiate levels. The pros are in the waning weeks of the regular season. With college bowl season just around the corner, the end of another year on the college gridiron is on the horizon.

For the eighth time, the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame and Museum, in conjunction with Cellular South, will award the Conerly Trophy on Thursday, December 4, at the Bayview Hotel on the site of the Grand Casino-Biloxi.

The trophy is presented to the best collegiate football player in the state of Mississippi as chosen by a range of newsprint and television media. Plus, the award is being presented on the Coast for the first time

in the history of the award.

The three finalists for the award are senior Ole Miss quarterback Eli Manning, senior USM linebacker Rod Davis, and redshirt freshman Delta State quarterback Scott Eyster.

Manning, the youngest son of Mississippi's most famous football legend Archie Manning, has set 45 new marks in the Rebels' record books during his three seasons as a starter.

He is the only Rebel in history to throw for more than 3,000 yards twice in his career and ranks third on the Southeastern Conference's all-time touchdown pass list with 79. He sits behind his older brother, Peyton, who has 89 and former Florida Gator Danny Weurffel who threw 114 in his career.

In 2003, Manning has thrown for 3,386 yards and 28 touchdowns while lead-

ing the No. 17 Rebels to a 9-3 overall and 7-1 in the SEC and a share of the SEC West division title with the LSU Tigers. The Rebels are bowl bound but the destination has not been finalized.

Manning, a two-time All-American, won the Conerly Trophy as a sophomore at Ole Miss in 2001.

Davis, also a two-time All-American, is a native of Gulfport. Davis has put together his second consecutive triple-digit tackle season at USM.

Davis is the cornerstone of a stingy Golden Eagle defense that has carried USM to their third Conference USA title and a bid to the Liberty Bowl in Memphis.

Davis led the nation in tackles as a junior and ranks in the top 5 in the same category this season. He has willed himself into a possible first-round draft

choice in the 2004 NFL draft despite not being highly recruited as a high school senior.

Eyster is a newcomer to the statewide stage. He has thrown for 3,485 yards and 30 touchdowns for the Statesmen in 2003. His totals have set numerous school records at the Cleveland, Mississippi, college.

This past season, Delta State finished with a 9-2 record and a No. 14 ranking in Division II.

The keynote speaker for the event is former Oklahoma Sooner star and current CBS sports college football analyst Spencer Tillman.

Past winners of the Conerly Trophy are Delta State's Treginal Thomas, Ole Miss QB Stewart Patridge, MSU running back James Johnson, DSU QB Josh Bright, Ole Miss RB Deuce

McAllister, Ole Miss QB Eli Manning, and USM's Rod Davis.

The award is named in honor former Ole Miss All-American and New York Giants All-Pro Charlie Conerly. Conerly played on coach Johnny Vaught's first Rebel team and led the squad to a SEC champion-

ship in 1947. He was named an All-American and drafted by the New York Giants where he was tabbed as an All-Pro several times and led the Giants to the NFL title in 1958. Outside of the football world, Conerly was a decorated war hero and the first Marlboro Man.

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## Cat

never get tired of drawing that bad yellow cat. It made it all the sweeter when we decided to dedicate the book to Caroline."

With illustrations and story in place, Twedt contracted with Timothy Lane Press to publish the book. The Miner Group in Minneapolis, MN printed the first edition.

"Corina Lidberg sent me this huge packet of samples of their work. I just loved the variety they offered, and she fell in love with our cat book. It has just been a complete joy to see the book become a reality and get into the hands of hundreds of kids. It is so gratifying to see them laugh at the story and want to read it again."

"My Crazy Christmas Catastrophe Cat" is available through Amazon.com, on Twedt's Web site at [www.kristentwedd.com](http://www.kristentwedd.com) and at numerous regional outlets.

**The author and illustrator will sign books during Second Saturday festivities on Dec. 13 from 4 to 8 p.m. at Justduit in Bay St. Louis.**

lets, including Marshall's Bookstore on Courthouse Road in Gulfport and Justduit in Bay St. Louis.

The pair appeared with their book on WLOX-TV Wednesday as guests on the 4 show with Dave Elliott and Karen Abernathy.

"I guess it's only app-



priate they book a turkey and a ham in honor of the holiday," Twedt jokes.

A book signing will follow from 5 to 6 p.m. at Marshall's Bookstore's Courthouse Road location.

The author and illustrator will also sign books dur-

ing Second Saturday festivities on Dec. 13 from 4 to 8 p.m. at Justduit in Bay St. Louis.

Haas is daughter-in-law of Nicholas and Wanda Haas of Bay St. Louis. Twedt grew up on the Coast.

## Time

ty Port and Harbor Commission provides for the work on the preliminary planning report to commence at once and the next two steps to be completed by July 1, 1964, so they can file in Jackson and the county can qualify for the two-mill ad valorem fund in the next fiscal year.

-Methodist break ground. Main Street Methodist Church broke ground for a new building Sunday for the first time in this century when Mrs. W.A. McDonald, (photo), oldest member of the congregation, turned first spade of dirt for new parsonage at North Second Street and Timber Lane.

Mrs. Lamar Martin, wife of pastor, turns spade as first woman who will occupy parsonage. Members of the official board, trustees, with Rev. Martin in service were John Ginn, board chairman; C.C. McDonald, Jr.,

building chairman, and John Miller.

Janie Christmas was chosen homecoming queen at Valenea C. Jones High School, Principal E.S. Price announced Wednesday.

She was crowned at coronation ceremonies at the school and will be honored during half-time at the homecoming football game Saturday afternoon in Tiger Stadium.

Maids are Sandra Oliver, Ethel Parker, Carolyn Ray, Anna Mae Haynes, and Andrella Acker. Elementary queen is Evelyn James. Maids are Monica Price, Linnes Stretching, Debra Phillips, Shelleen Bell and Evelyn Williams.

**FIFTY YEARS AGO**  
November 27, 1953 - A movement is underway to invite Georgia Tech or its opponent to the Sugar Bowl football game to hold their pre-game training in

Bay St. Louis, city officials announced today.

Commissioner Sylvan J. Ladner said he was trying to get in touch with Brother Roland at St. Stanislaus to see if he would permit one of the college teams to use the Stanislaus facilities. Brother Roland was out of town. Ladner said he thought Bay St. Louis had a good chance of getting one of the teams.

"Seven Sugar Bowl teams have trained here before," he said. "I think if we gave them the proper facilities, the would come."

-Winners of thirteen and losers of none. (Photo).

That's what these Kilncagers are. (team members are) Johnny Carl Lee, Marvin Lacoste, Joseph Hoda, Nathan Hoda, James Ladner, Ralph Luxich, Clarence Lee, Jimmy Ladner, Royce Shiyou, Slade Ladner, Louis Garriga, manager

Huey Henley, coach L.C. Ladner, Jarvis Moran, Merline Necaise, Louis Garriga, J. Larry Ladner, score keeper J.W. Bilbo and Robert Lacoste.

**SIXTY YEARS AGO**  
November 26, 1943 - The American people were asked today by J.A. King, Director of WPD's Office of War Utilities, to confine Christmas lighting decorations to Christmas trees inside private homes.

Mr. King asked that street decorations, community Christmas trees, exterior home decorations and interiors and exteriors of commercial establishments dispense with decorations this year insofar as lighting is concerned.

"Government and industry have combined in a nationwide conservation campaign to save critical fuels and materials necessary to produce and consume electricity," he said.

## Gardening

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as the temperatures get colder. Unfortunately, the same cabbage loopers that attack broccoli can be a problem for these plants as well. Watch and treat as needed with Bacillus thuringiensis. This organic pest control is safe and poses no threat to gardeners.

Flowering kale and cabbage excel in beds of brightly colored pansies, violas, panolas and snapdragons.

triangular design. Plant tulips or daffodils in the center of the triangle and then place pansies around the edges.

There are many more varieties than gardeners realize. The Chidori series with its fringed, ruffled leaves and intense colors have become the most popular. The Peacock and Sparrow series also come recommended as some of the prettiest. If your favorites are the round-leaf types, then try the Dynasty series.

In Mississippi, the Redbor and Winterbor kale have gone off the charts in popularity as have new ornamental mustards like Red Giant and Mizuna.

Flowering kale and cabbage are not edible, but the leaves do make beautiful decorative garnishes for holiday feasts.

Kale and cabbage also are exceptional in large containers where you might place three in a

## Two oyster reef areas reopen Dec. 3

The Mississippi Department of Marine Resources has announced the reopening of Area III Conditionally Approved Waters and Area VIII "B" Conditionally Approved Waters to the harvest of oysters, effective Wednesday, December 3, 2003 at legal sunrise.

\* Area III Conditionally Approved Waters include the Kittiwake or "Long Beach" Reef and

\* Area VIII "B" Conditionally Approved Waters includes Middle Bay, the North and South

Rigolets, L'Isle Chaude, Jose Bayou, eastern portions of Clay Bayou, Jose Bay, and other

Conditionally Approved waters of Area VIII "B", south of Bang Island and the waters south of

Crooked Bayou, including northern portions of Point Aux Chenes Bay.

For more information on the open and closed areas, call the DMR's 24-hour Oyster Information Hotline at (228) 374-5167 or 1-800-385-5902.

The Mississippi Department of Marine Resources is dedicated to enhancing, protecting and conserving marine interests of the state by managing all marine life, public trust wetlands, adjacent uplands and waterfront areas to provide for the

optimal commercial, recreational, educational and economic uses of these resources consistent with environmental concerns and social changes.

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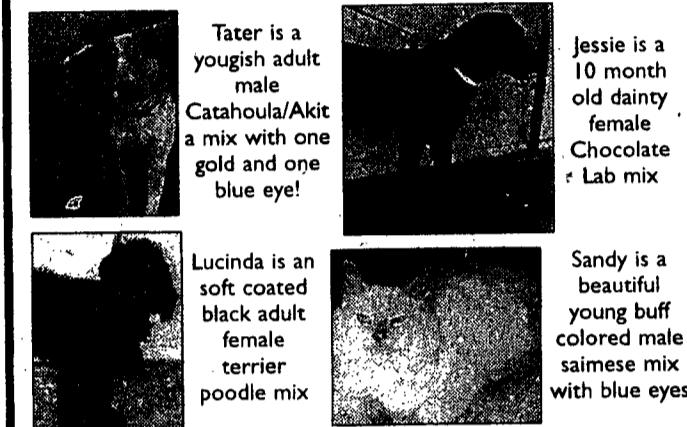
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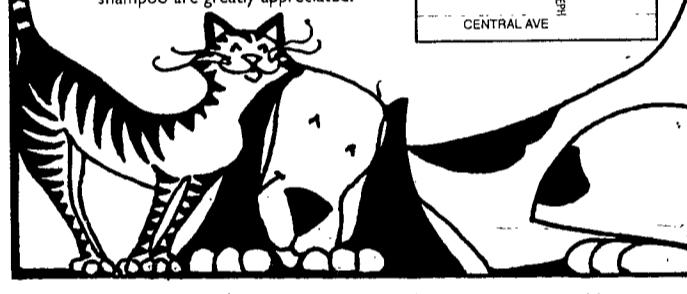
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# NASA Scientist will help expose students to wetlands research

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Dr. Marco Giardino, chief of the Applications Integration Division for NASA Stennis Space Center's Earth Science Applications Directorate, has been chosen by the JASON Project to be one of six host researchers for Disappearing Wetlands, which will run through the 2004-05 school year.

The JASON Project is a multi-disciplinary program that aims to spark students' imaginations and enhance classroom experiences by exploring the Earth. It exposes students to scientists who examine the planet's biological and geological development. The project takes its name from Jason of Greek mythology.

Giardino was chosen for Disappearing Wetlands because of his role in the Coast 2050 program, which is working to help restore 20,000 square miles of Louisiana wetlands over the next 50 years.

Giardino uses NASA satellite imagery to identify threatened wetland archeological sites and provide data to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for evaluation.

The JASON Project chose to tell the Louisiana wetlands story for many reasons. Southern Louisiana is home to 40 percent of the coastal wetlands in the 48 contiguous states. Those wetlands serve as water purifiers and sources of biodiversity, and as buffers from Gulf of Mexico storm surges.

They are home to thousands of species of marine life, mammals and birds, and are vital to the local tourism and fishing industries.

"I'm really looking forward to participating," Giardino said. "The whole thing is about the wetlands, so my research - using remote sensing to identify cultural sites - will fit right in. I'd like to make sure each JASON student understands that their individual



Photo courtesy of NASA  
Dr. Marco Giardino (left) interprets satellite imagery on the way to an archaeological site near Lake Salvador, La., in November 2002. With him is his local guide, Michael Comardelle.

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effort to save the wetlands can bring about positive change."

Giardino will be featured in a curriculum unit that focuses on science, technology and society.

The unit will illustrate how the interface of the three can help researchers better understand the complex wetlands system.

JASON Project coordinators described Giardino as a rare combination of scientist, historian and technologist, able to communicate the integration of the three on a level that children can understand. "He knows the topic and he's got a historical perspective that's really unique," said Ilana Schoenfeld, multimedia content manager for the JASON Project.

Caroline Joyce, JASON Project director, said Giardino's participation over the next year will help

shape the development of the curriculum.

"This is where the NASA link is so great," Joyce said. "NASA has been and continues to be a very important partner to the JASON Project."

The JASON Project is the brainchild of Robert Ballard, the scientist and oceanographer who discovered the wreck of the RMS Titanic in 1986. Over the past 15 years, the JASON Project has taken more than 5 million teachers and students on field trips all over the world via satellite and the Internet.

It allows fourth- through ninth-graders access to scientists, field sites, research methods and technology. Through video, print and interactive online curriculum units, the students can literally look over researchers' shoulders as they work.

## EHE helps the food pantry



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A huge donation was made to the Hancock County Food Pantry from the students at East Hancock Elementary. When the school opened, fifth grade teacher, Mrs. Mary Enders, wanted the students to learn community involvement and compassion for their fellow man, so she began coordinating the Thanksgiving Food Drive. This year the students collected 1,951 food items for the food pantry, which brought the total of items collected for the past five years by the school to just over 10,000 food items. Pictured with the canned goods are students from the highest donating classes. They are Ms. Grey's class and Ms. Enders' class. Members of the local Lion's Club helped transport the food items. Lion's Club members are Phil Ramseyer, Ricky Adams, Mary Enders, EHE coordinator, and Cheryl Ramseyer, EHE principal.

## Local Student in Miss. State Cooperative Education Program

Jacob Seth Davis of Pass Christian, MS is one of over 870 students participating in the Cooperative Education Program at Mississippi State University. After completing his third work semester with T. K. Martin Center for Technology and disability, Mississippi State, MS, Jacob will be returning to the Mississippi State campus to complete requirements toward a degree in Mechanical Engineering.

He is the son of Fredrick Gale Davis.

The MSU Cooperative Education Program is available to students in Agriculture and Life Sciences, Architecture, Arts and Sciences, Business and Industry, Education, Engineering and Forest Resources. This program allows the student to receive a college education as well as practical experience in his chosen field of study.

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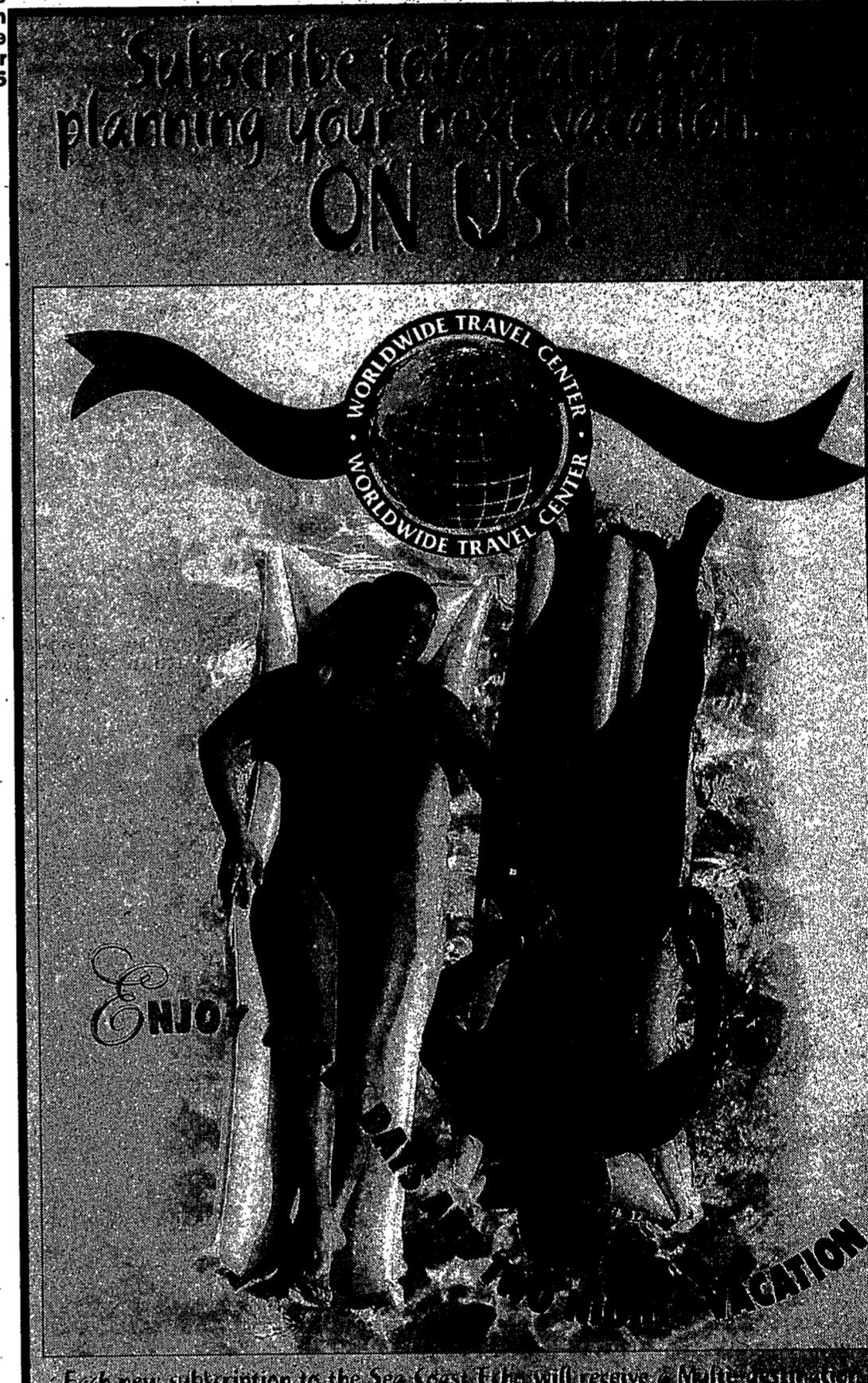
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Legendary singer/dancer/guitarist Charo comes to Bay St. Louis Dec. 12-14.

## Charo offers a 'Magic' Christmas

**T**he original "Cuchi-Cuchi" girl, Charo brings her "Cuchi Cuchi Christmas" variety show to Casino Magic Bay St. Louis Friday and Saturday December 12 and 13 at 9 p.m. and Sunday December 14 at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$14.95, \$19.95 and \$24.95 and are available at the Casino Magic Box Office, by calling 1-800-5-MAGIC-5 or at any Ticketmaster location.

Only a few multi-talented people are recognized with just one name and bring a smile to your face when that name is mentioned. Charo is one of those few.

Charo is a singer, dancer,

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Don't miss Charo's Cuchi Cuchi Christmas Show at Casino Magic Bay St. Louis December 12, 13 and 14! Must be 21 to attend.

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**T**ickets are now on sale for 15th Annual Sounds of the Holidays, to be held at the Biloxi Grand Theatre on Dec. 4 at 8 p.m. Each year the best and brightest stars on the Gulf Coast gather on one stage for this musical extravaganza, which benefits the Gulf Coast Division of the American Heart Association.

This event, presented by Cingular Wireless and directed by David Delk, is a festive way for people of all ages to get in the holiday spirit and to join the fight against heart disease and stroke. This year's Sounds of the Holidays stars Karen Abernathy, Angelina, Delk, Mike Lacy, Keith Ballard, The USM Civic Chorale, J & Company Dance Troupe, Nathan Woodward Jazz Saxophonist, Val Salnikov with the Biloxi City Ballet Company, and many more.

Proceeds from Sounds of the Holidays will benefit cardiovascular research, public education and community service programs of the American Heart Association, the nation's largest non-profit organization devoted to the reduction of heart disease and stroke, the No. 1 and No. 3

killers in Mississippi and the nation. Tickets for the benefit are \$15 and are on sale now at the Biloxi Grand Box Office. For more information about Sounds of the Holidays go to [www.SoundsOfTheHolidays.com](http://www.SoundsOfTheHolidays.com) or call Becky Ginn at 864-1629.

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## Spotlight On Dining 2003 Attention Restaurant Owners...

Advertising is an investment in the success of your restaurant. Every restaurant has competition, either within the town, or nearby city. Your potential customers are being courted by your competitors. If you do not invite those customers to do business with you, they are likely to forget you and dine elsewhere. It is not uncommon for consumers to switch their dining habits from one restaurant to another. Advertising helps to keep old customers and equally as important, make new ones.

Our community is constantly growing which means that potential customers are moving into the market area all the time. Advertising gives these newcomers a reason to visit your restaurant.

Most businesses budget for their advertising expenses just as they do for other necessities such as rent, phones, etc. Smart business people realize that advertising is imperative to keep their business growing.

Another reason to advertise is that advertising is news! You profit by telling our readers what is new in your restaurant. Through advertising, you can let a wide audience know what specials you are offering, perhaps what entertainment you may have and the character of your restaurant.

If you have something to sell, then you have something to advertise. When you have nothing to advertise, you are out of business. Advertising is

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